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## Pro-Lifers Parade In DC

by Cindy Kaptein

On January 19, eighty-one pro-lifers, sponsored by the Dordt Defenders of Life, boarded a double-decker bus and a Dordt van headed for Washington, D.C., in anticipation of the third Annual American Collegians for Life Convention.

After a thirty-one hour drive, the Dordt group arrived at Georgetown University, anxious to find a place to sleep. Students trekked across the city to the Catholic University of America, Trinity College, and Augustinian College, where they made their home for three days.

The next day, students attended workshops and speeches at Georgetown University. Molly Kelly of Pennsylvania led the opening session in which she encouraged college students to be active in the pro-life movement. She told the audience to call the opposition "pro-death or anti-life, since the name pro-choice is a farce."

The students spent the rest of the afternoon attending the eighteen

workshops conducted by men and women from a variety of professions and backgrounds, some known nationally and internationally. Workshop topics included "Politics of Abortion," "A Closer Look at Planned Parenthood," "Chastity: The Abortion Solution," "Post Abortion Syndrome: How They Aborted the Facts," and "Adoption: The Positive Option."

Saturday, however, was not just a day of meetings. In the evening, a representative of the American Collegians for Life guided the Dordt bus around Washington D.C. to see the sights.

The following morning, several Dordt students met at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and took part in a Catholic mass. During the afternoon, the students participated in two workshops, followed by a seminar with the well-known speaker and one-time abortionist, Dr. Bernard Nathanson. Mrs. Rita Marker of the International Anti-Euthanasia Task-force followed with the topic, "The Right to Die or

The Right to Kill."

Thousands gathered in the Ellipse, approximately two miles from the Capitol, for the finale of the convention—the March for Life. Several speakers and a choir heightened the crowd's excitement.

Organizations handed out signs and flags to those who didn't have their own. Many Dordt students held bright red stop signs saying, "STOP ABORTION NOW."

As people marched toward the capitol, they chanted, "Pro-choice is a lie; babies never choose to die," and "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Roe v. Wade has got to go," and "College students love life." Pro-lifers passing congressmen, yelled, "Congress, Congress, hear our cry; unborn babies should not die."

Although the marchers expected to see a few anti-life protesters, Dordt students didn't notice any until after the march. One car load of people drove by yelling, "Pro-choice!" as the students walked back to the Washington Monument.

The march overwhelmed the

students. Although the media estimated 75,000 pro-life marchers, others guessed that over 100,000 marched.

The trip back to Sioux Center took longer than the trip to Washington, D.C., due to a breakdown 28 miles east of Des Moines. Pro-lifers waited several hours for two Greyhound buses from Des Moines to take them home. The Dordt group arrived in Sioux Center at 2:00 a.m., Wednesday.

Even though the trip was long and the students were exhausted after their exhilarating weekend in Washington, D.C., they are glad they went. One student says, "If there was another bus going tomorrow, I'd be on it."

Steve Oosterhof, a senior, says, "I always knew I was pro-life, but I didn't know exactly why. After this weekend I know why."

Wayne Dykstra, a senior at Dordt College, sums the experience up by saying, "The trip to Washington D.C. was the most rewarding and memorable weekend I've spent here at Dordt."

## Students carry coffins

by Bonnie Bandstra

It was a matter of being in the wrong place at the right time for fifteen Dordt students at the March for Life on January 22, in Washington D.C.

While the students stood on the Ellipse, between the White House and the Washington Monument, two Knights of Columbus from New Jersey asked for volunteers to carry baby-sized coffins to lead the march.

Each coffin signified a year since the Roe vs. Wade decision, and indicated the number of unborn babies that had been killed during that year. The exception was the 1990 coffin which asked, "How many unborn will die?"

The fifteen students broke up into groups of three and carried five of the coffins immediately behind the banner at the front of the march.

Dan Koole said, "The experience made me realize that these babies had souls and they died just like any other human being, born or unborn."



Photo by Angela Eriksen  
Dordt's Amy Hoekstra and Jean Zondervan join an estimated 100,000 marchers at the beginning of the March for Life.

## Pro-lifers plan week

by Jill Beran

Dordt is gearing up for Pro-Life Week, set for February 5 to 9.

Plans include the following:

- Student picketing outside an abortion clinic in Sioux Falls on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Picketing will begin at 2:30, after a woman who has had an abortion addresses the crowd.
- Marlys Popma, President of Iowa Right to Life, speaks in chapel on Tuesday. She plans to be available for questions or class presentations throughout the day.
- *No Alibis*, a film, is showing Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in C160.
- Dordt Defenders of Life is holding a contest throughout the week for the best pro-life t-shirt design. The winner receives a prize for his or her own design.
- The week concludes Friday, Pro-Life Day. Students and faculty are encouraged to wear any pro-life paraphernalia.



# Many in the Abortion Debate Lack Compassion for Innocent Victims

The pro-life movement needs to learn compassion. Certainly pro-choice advocates show a distinct lack of compassion toward unborn babies. But my contact with the pro-life movement shows me that many of the same people who have such compassion for unborn babies have a distinct lack of compassion toward the mothers of those babies, the doctors who perform the abortions, and the people who believe a woman has a right to an abortion.

In November, I participated in a pro-life rally held just a few blocks from the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., where a huge pro-choice demonstration was held. Almost everyone attending the pro-choice event had to walk past us, and I thought we pro-lifers would have a perfect opportunity to peacefully demonstrate our conviction that life is sacred, and should not be ended because a mother may find her pregnancy inconvenient.

Unfortunately, that's not what happened.

Instead I was battered by inane sloganeering from both sides. Very quickly the sloganeering turned nasty. Pro-lifers carried huge signs that graphically portrayed babies that had been aborted. The pro-life movement may be fighting against violence, and there may be times when such pictures are necessary as an educational tool, but the violence depicted on the pictures did nothing but assault the eyes of those around. The pictures served no purpose but to sensationalize the issue.

Trying to stay away from the graphic posters, I found a group of friendly-looking high school and college students. I stood by them for a short while, holding a small sign saying "Life is Precious." Suddenly a number of people walked past us, toward the pro-choice rally, carrying signs that said "I'm Catholic AND Pro-Choice." The students beside me went crazy. "You can't be a Catholic and pro-choice," yelled one. Another yelled, "You might be Catholic, but you're sure not a Christian!" The verbal abuse continued, so I left.

A similar scene was repeated later. Several people walked by with signs

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proclaiming "Another Republican for Choice." All around me people began to yell, "You're a hypocrite," "You're no Republican, you're a murderer," and, "We ought to take away your registration."

The pro-choice crowd was certainly vocal, often becoming abusive. But the pro-lifers disappointed me. I had expected much better.

Thinking back on the experience, I realized I had been somewhat naive. I've heard the way some pro-lifers talk about mothers who have abortions, treating them as somehow inhuman. I've seen many arguments where pro-lifers refused to consider any statement from a person that in some way may have treated a pro-choice argument as legitimate. Who knows, maybe you have all quit reading this editorial, convinced that what I have to say is unimportant, has no bearing on you, or is twisted and wrong.

I hope not. I hope a lot of you feel the same way I do. After the rally I attended in November, I talked frankly with the friends I had attended the rally with. Some of them agreed with me, expressing indignation at the way most of the pro-lifers acted.

One element of true justice, as it is presented in the Bible, is compassion. Pro-lifers have a strong compassion for the unborn. But when a mother aborts, she is not doing it because she is some animal, incapable of loving her child. Most often she is a victim needing compassion, not the hatred I saw at the pro-life rally.

There are a great number of consequences to showing compassion to a mother of an unwanted child. We may have to pay higher taxes to help pay for the care of children who are born in families too poor to care for the children themselves. We may feel the need as families to adopt a baby, especially babies who might otherwise have been aborted.

We pay a price for being pro-life, for compassion never comes without some cost. But if we truly hold life to be sacred, we must be willing to pay that price.

## Students say...

by Dan Mennega and Jeff De Boer

**Is civil disobedience an ethical method of protesting abortion?**



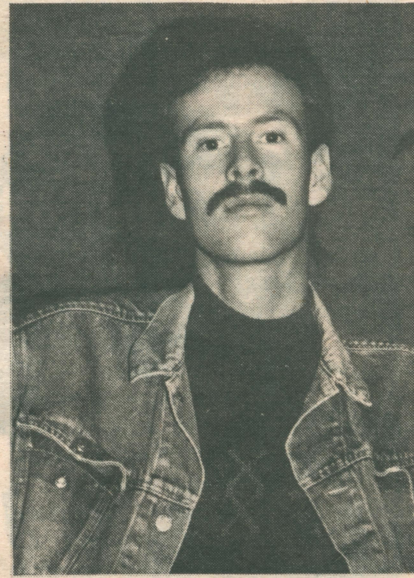
**Theresa Freese**  
Freshman

"Yes. There have been marches for 17 by years, without result. It's time for something else."



**Lynelle Altena**  
Junior

"No. We're trying to make abortion illegal. If we do it illegally, that's not right."



**Mark Huyer**  
Freshman

"Yes. The point must be made; civil disobedience is the only way."

## Hugs to raise funds

**To the editor:**

Valentine's Day is a day when people express love for the special people in their lives. The Domestic Violence Aid Center in Sioux Center, Iowa has chosen this day for their annual Hug-A-Thon.

This Valentine's Day will be the center's eighth annual Hug-A-Thon. Participants ask sponsors to pledge money for each hug the participants can collect all day. Rather than biking or walking to help stop domestic violence, the center uses hugging because it helps promote the idea of "positive touching."

Although the center receives federal, state, and county funding, their only fundraiser is the annual Hug-A-Thon. All the money raised goes directly to the center and is used to help the victims of domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Aid Center serves battered women or men, their spouses, and children, in Sioux, Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien and Plymouth counties. For abuse victims, the center provides a safe shelter and a 24 hour crisis line. Crisis intervention counselling and emotional support are also provided, along with referrals of victims for long term counseling, legal advice, or assistance.

**Dori Kooistra**



## A wrong freedom

"Take a deep breath,  
feel like you're chokin'?"  
Everything is broken."

Bob Dylan, 1983

There's something on my mind.  
This Christmas my brothers and I  
watched television and saw swarms of  
people gathered around city squares.  
We saw a Wall come crashing down.  
I laughed at an old Czech politician  
who stood dumbfounded while an  
angry mob screamed for his resig-  
nation. They shot him and his wife a  
week later.

We went to church this break, too.  
A guest minister couldn't help but give  
his own thoughts on how these  
protests fit into our lives; "Oh, we're  
so blessed, here in this free country."  
And we left feeling good about the  
rising dollar and the decline of the evil  
empire across the Atlantic. No  
historian in his wildest dreams could  
have predicted this to happen. Good  
news for good people. And the band  
played on. Hallelujah.

But two things have happened since  
Christmas. First, all those Czechs  
who had shot their leader a week  
before watched the national inflation  
level rise 300%. The death toll of the  
recent coupe rose to 12,000.

Then I went back to college and  
watched eighty people leave for a  
thirty-hour trip to the nation's capital.

Two different issues that seem as  
remote as the ocean that separated  
them. In the East, people screaming  
for their lives; and in the West, people  
believing their rights should include  
the freedom to take someone else's  
life.

But, while the Eastern demand for  
reform and the American demand for  
abortion are obviously different, both  
motives revolve around the same  
ideal—freedom. And this is a scary  
thing.

A recent *Banner* article attacked the  
idea that democracy is the answer to

the world's problems. The point of the  
article was clear and concise—free  
nation will have problems of its own  
for the very fact that it's free. Nothing  
has surfaced in the news to prove this  
point more than the pro-life  
demonstration.

So while we have no other choice  
but to fight abortion, we will only  
become painfully aware that it isn't the  
abortion we are primarily against, but  
rather the belief behind the motive.  
Freedom is now only a vague idea,  
relative to our own interpretation of  
what it is. To believe that the mothers  
who want abortions are any less  
compassionate or loving than our  
own is the first step to missing the  
point. What they fight for is right—in  
their eyes. And a Supreme Court,  
whose intention was to do the people's  
will, agreed.

The Chinese have called 1990 the  
year of the horse. If anything at all,  
maybe this title will give Christians  
and non-Christian pro-lifers the  
incentive toward work—work that is  
needed to fight for life in America,  
and real liberty in a broken Europe.

d. schouten

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## Students toil in Caribbean sun

by Scott McClenny

The first two weeks in January were  
warm for 11 Dordt students working  
in the Dominican Republic. They  
took a hands-on approach to missions  
work, constructing a church, painting  
buildings, and helping with the  
agricultural needs of a village roughly  
the size of Sioux Center.

This year's students continued work  
on a chicken farm just outside the  
village Sabana Grande de Boya. Last  
year, a group of 12 Dordt students  
worked to get that same farm  
operating properly.

Each day, two students helped teach  
a Bible school in Sabana Grande,  
making friends with the local kids by  
handing out toys and crayons. Along  
with taking a class in missiology, the  
Bible school was the most traditional  
type of mission work the students  
participated in.

However, the stay in the Dominican  
Republic was by no means all work  
and no play. Tom Overlie says the  
group mixed its days of work with  
days of sightseeing. He says the  
combination became a "big learning  
experience for the entire group."

Perhaps the most important purpose

of the visit was, in the words of John  
Wagenveld, "to get rid of some of the  
ethnocentricity that too often we as  
North Americans exhibit."

Wagenveld contends that North  
Americans as a whole are too  
provincial, and Dordt is a microscopic  
example of this problem. "Where are  
the Afro-Americans, the Hispanics, or  
the Africans?" asks Wagenveld.

The team found a number of  
problems plaguing the country,  
including the poverty of the people  
and the racism of the Dominicans  
toward the Haitian immigrants.

In the Dominican Republic, Hatians  
have no legal rights, can be deported  
back to Haiti at any time, and live in  
miserable conditions—in one Hatian  
village of 300, there was no latrine.  
Hatians earn only two dollars for  
every ton of sugar cane they cut, and  
are often forced to work against their  
will.

Solutions to the problems in the  
Dominican Republic and other Third  
World countries are not easily found.  
But the 11 Dordt students who worked  
in the Dominican Republic hope that  
they were a very small part of the  
solution.

## Canadian speaks out

To the editor:

"Do you realize that most  
Americans know little or nothing  
about Canada?"

That was a refrain I heard often  
after I had announced my decision to  
come to Dordt College last year. To  
me, the thought that a nation or group  
of people would be ignorant enough to  
know so little about a neighboring  
country was inconceivable. Don't  
Americans listen to the news or read  
the paper? Even if they didn't know  
the more intricate facts about our  
history and politics, they should know,  
at the very least, that there are ten  
provinces and two territories and the  
basic climate. We do live on the same  
continent for pity's sake. It isn't like  
there are a huge number of countries  
to learn about in North America.

Much to my horror, when I came to  
Dordt what I had been told was true—  
Americans knew almost nothing about  
their northern neighbors. One of my  
profs didn't even know who Pierre  
Trudeau was when I used his name in  
a paper I wrote.

As for basic facts about Canada,  
there are people on campus who don't  
even know the capital of their  
neighboring country or that our  
southern to central climate is similar  
to that of the northern and midwestern  
states in the U.S. We may go ice  
fishing, but we don't live in igloos.

Granted, the U.S. is much more  
influential on the international front,  
but that doesn't give their citizens the  
right to promote ignorance. Even  
Europe expects more from their  
students than America in regard to  
their neighbors.

Wake up America! There is a  
country north of the border—and we  
aren't going away.

Alisa Siebenga

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## Forum meets goals

by Audra Bleyenburgh and Dori  
Kooistra

The Student Forum's job is to  
discuss issues that affect students and,  
when necessary, initiate changes in the  
various committees that members  
meet with throughout the semester.

Contrary to popular opinion,  
Student Forum does accomplish its  
objectives, although it seems the  
wheels of change at Dordt move  
slowly.

Last semester, Student Forum  
succeeded in extending library hours  
and instituting community service as  
an option for students given  
disciplinary fines. Also, a new  
picture/phone directory for the whole  
college will replace the regular phone  
directory next semester.

This semester the Forum hopes to  
get a money changing machine on  
campus and a pop machine in the  
classroom building, and to extend  
visitation hours in the dorms.



## Dalen envisions a global community

by Dan Mennega

Paul Dalen, a sophomore at Dordt, has just returned from a semester in Berlin, currently one of the world's most politically active cities. He witnessed the breaking down of the Berlin Wall and took several pieces back to America. While in Germany, Dalen took five classes in German language. Dalen is excited about his experience in Berlin, and hopes to return there within a year. He has hopes for a "broader vision" for students everywhere, especially centered around the idea of a "global community."

**Diamond:** How does it feel to be back in the U.S.?

**Dalen:** It's nice to be home. But every time I see something significant in the paper or on T.V. about East Berlin in particular, I think, "What am I doing here?" Like the other day I read that they're tearing the entire wall down and replacing it with a six foot fence. They're starting it right where my apartment was, and I'm saying, "Hey! I know where that is!" But all in all it's good to be home.

**Diamond:** What did you discover to be the very basic difference in the culture there, compared to Sioux Center?

**Dalen:** Well, the area where I lived contained mostly students and artists, so it was a very politically active subculture. It was something I was not always terribly comfortable with because I was surrounded mainly by

incredibly liberal to Marxist people. You don't find many Marxists in Sioux Center. And as far as I know there weren't any Dutch people in my neighborhood.

**Diamond:** How about the young people, our generation, compared to that of West Berlin?

**Dalen:** This is a much more conservative area—the United States, in general, is much more conservative. Our generation compared to Germany's is much, much more conservative. They are very liberal, bordering on Marxist. That's the biggest difference.

**Diamond:** As Dordt students, or students in general, the affairs of eastern Europe often seem far away, and we aren't able to relate to them easily. Sure, the changes are wonderful, but what should American students realize that might make the changes more significant?

**Dalen:** College students basically grew up while the Cold War was thawing. In the 80s we got a lot closer to the Soviet Union; you heard a lot less about this horrible military threat from the Soviet Union. Our parents grew up during the 50s and had air-raid drills. Many of them will remember when they actually started building the Berlin Wall. But no one at Dordt, unless they're a prof, is going to remember that. So it's not surprising that many students our age don't understand just exactly the significance of it all.



Photo by Paul Dalen

**This is one of many entrances cut in the Berlin Wall since East Germany opened its borders this fall.**

**Diamond:** What about the students' role in all of this? What should be our mindset as we look at eastern Europe?

**Dalen:** We need to think more globally, in terms of politics, economics, and business, more and more. The happenings in Europe are just one dramatic example of how we're moving towards a global community. Solving problems by force, not getting along with other people, and getting into military alliances is not "cool" anymore. We need to put away a lot of distrust and realize that this is a whole brand new start. We need to encourage democracy without forcing capitalism.

**Diamond:** How about the Dordt student?

**Dalen:** College students in general are not nearly as aware of the world, just because time doesn't always allow you to sit down and read the newspaper. We need to be informed about what's happening in the world. We must start thinking as members of a global community, not just as members of a state, or in this particular area, a church. Instead, we have to look much beyond the borders of United States and Canada. I mean, we're so close. If I wanted to, I could be in Berlin by eight tomorrow morning. It's not nearly so far away as we think. The changes may not seem that significant to us here, but they are.

## Rooy's encourage united effort in Third World

by Chuck Adams

Living through the "Dirty War," when thousands of people were arrested, tortured, and killed, could not have been easy for Sid and Mae Rooy. Nor could experiencing inflation rates of over 30,000 percent have been very enjoyable. However, for Dr. and Mrs. Rooy, being missionaries to Argentina for over 20 years meant just that. Except for a brief stint in the remote southern city of Comodoro Rivadavia, the Rooy's have lived in Buenos Aires, a city that Dr. Rooy describes as being "full of political ferment."

The Rooy's work in Argentina is as representatives of *las Iglesias Reformadas* (the Reformed Churches of Argentina) in one of the few Protestant seminaries in the country.

Although Dr. Rooy is a theologian, he is very involved with the social and political situation in Argentina. Dr. Rooy says this is natural, because a Christian must always be concerned with the people around him or her.

Dr. and Mrs. Rooy, who were on campus between the 17th and 19th of January, described their life's work to students in several classes, including Spanish, History, and Theology. The perspective the Rooy's bring is unique since, according to Dr. Rooy, living in the Third World has a tremendous affect on one's world view.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Rooy encourage students to spend time outside of North America. Some of the world's most important and threatening problems are best seen in the Third

World, and the Rooy's believe Christians ought to be at the forefront of trying to do something about such problems.

The Rooy's are critical of the current system of world affairs. Trade barriers and a tremendous foreign debt serve to keep less-developed countries at a much lower standard of living than that found in the industrialized nations. Dr. Rooy adds that arms shipments to dictatorships in Latin America have only served to exacerbate the problem.

Dr. Rooy told General 300 students on Friday that the current Third World situation must play a role in how Christian college students choose their vocations. Economics majors, for example, could have a great deal of impact in Latin America if they are willing to give up an

easy life of well-paying jobs in the U.S. and Canada for a somewhat less stable, but more rewarding, job experience in Argentina, Mexico, or Central America. In the same way, Dr. Rooy says students who study Sociology, Engineering, Education, and other areas of learning, could have a great impact in Latin America.

The Rooy's stress that Christians must be united in their effort to discover how justice can be done in Latin America. Dr. Rooy says Christians cannot be a good witness if they separate into their own little factions. Only through a united effort of people committed to Christian principles will justice and peace be brought to places like Buenos Aires.



## Radio station changes format

by Chuck Adams

KDCR doesn't sound like its old self anymore. Gone are the scratchy, outdated records and old-fashioned choral music. Gone too are "On Campus" and "Community Close Up." In their place are shorter programs of news and information interspersed with music.

KDCR station manager Denny De Waard says KDCR hasn't completely changed its format. Rather, he calls the changes "a renovation of format." According to De Waard, KDCR hasn't changed its purpose or desire to conform to Biblical norms for broadcasting. The change is simply to better serve the needs of the broader listening community.

A recent survey of the broadcast area and a questionnaire sent to leaders in various spheres within the community convinced the KDCR staff that change was needed. According to De Waard, "People are more mobile these days. It's difficult to nail them down for a full hour program."

Therefore, KDCR programming is now organized in smaller portions, with bites of information "dropped in" throughout the day. Music mixed in through the day is designed to match what the typical listener might be doing at the time he or she is listening.

Perhaps the most exciting part of KDCR's renovation is the use of new technology to update the station's sound. KDCR is one of only a handful of stations worldwide using digital audio tape (DAT) machines. Compact discs are beginning to be worked into the format. And KDCR has a new package of theme music composed and produced on a system of synthesizers and a Macintosh computer by Dordt Students Shon Heersink and Bret Dorhout.

De Waard is so impressed by what Heersink and Dorhout have been able to do with their synthesizers that he is telling other station managers and advertising executives in the region about their work. "I couldn't believe what they could do," DeWaard says.



Photo by Jeff De Boer  
**CDs and DATs are part of the new technology at KDCR.**

"What they do sounds just as good if not better than what professional outfits are doing, and they can do it dirt cheap compared to those outfits."

"This may be the first time KDCR has ever been on the cutting edge of any technology," says De Waard. "But the digital originations and synthesized music fit our purpose so well." In the future, De Waard hopes to have a completely digitally synthesized production studio. "Then we can get rid of our old reel to reel machines," explains De Waard.

Renovation at KDCR isn't complete. "What we have is a skeleton to build on," says De Waard. "We'll keep the basic structure intact while adding to it as we gain the capability."

De Waard hopes KDCR will be able to add to the time on the air. The original plan called for sign-on at 5:30 a.m. with an extra half-hour of news and information, and an extra hour of Christian rock at night until midnight.

Says De Waard, "We are putting forth a conservative effort, doing only what we can handle." He adds that as time goes on, KDCR will continue to update its sound.

## New professor brings Dordt a fresh outlook

by Karla Kamp

Not all Dordt professors come from Dutch, reformed homes—and Gary Shahinian, the latest addition to the Philosophy Department, is a prime example.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Shahinian spent the first 15 years of his life growing up in the Armenian Orthodox Church. According to Shahinian, "I never saw the point of going to church—I wasn't interested in it." However, at age 15, Shahinian, and his parents, began attending a local fundamentalist church. At this church, Shahinian made profession of faith and actively participated in youth group, bible studies, prayer meetings, and Sunday School.

As he grew older, Shahinian felt that God was calling him into the ministry and he decided to attend Northeastern Bible College—"a militant fundamentalist school," explains Shahinian—just 10 miles from his hometown.

While at Northeastern, Shahinian studied the Bible and theology intensively for the first time and realized that Christ's redemption wasn't just for the soul, but for all of creation. "I came to the conclusion that fundamentalism is misguided. It divided the world into two realms—religious and secular—making only one part 'religious' or 'holy,'" says Shahinian. Because anything outside of the religious realm was considered inherently evil, while at Northeastern, Shahinian had to sign a policy form, promising not to drink, smoke, or go to movies.

While at college, Shahinian argued with students and professors against the two realm theory, but as Shahinian says, "They didn't like what I was saying." Professors hinted that he should go to another college, and Shahinian realized he wasn't satisfied with his education. He wanted an education which was taught from a

reformational worldview.

As a result, after never setting foot in a Christian Reformed Church, Shahinian decided to go to Calvin College where he met and married Jean Deelstra. After finishing his undergraduate work, he attended Calvin Seminary for two years and received a Master of Arts in Theological Studies, and then moved on to the Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) in Toronto, where he received a Master of Philosophical Foundations.

Shahinian comes to Dordt after teaching part time at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ontario, while being registered as a full time student at ICS. Presently, Shahinian is taking Professor Kok's place for a semester and working on his doctorate dissertation, in connection with ICS and the Free University of Amsterdam, on "the problem of evil in the thought of Alfred North Whitehead." Shahinian hopes to have his dissertation completed by fall, 1990.

The Shahinians have adjusted well to life in Sioux Center, but, says Shahinian, "I'm still trying to get over the fact that no one locks their door. It's great you have this community here."

Shahinian describes Dordt as a tightly knit community, with friendly students, faculty, and administrators. He is especially appreciative of the reformational worldview taught at Dordt. Says Shahinian, "The reformational worldview is exciting—it's something new to me. I wasn't led to believe that God intends to redeem all of creation."

Shahinian hopes his excitement will carry over to the students. "I'm not just regurgitating what family and friends drilled into me. The reformational perspective is one I've embraced in my own lifestyle and I'm trying to work it out in my own life."

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John Boorman's *Hope and Glory* depicts a boy's life in war torn England.

## War from the home front

by Michael Goedhart

In Victor Fleming's *Wizard of Oz*, reality is in stark, cold black-and-white, while the fantastical Oz is resplendent in fully realized technicolor glory. In World War II, the reality of war was equally black-and-white, as unambiguous a good vs. evil conflict the world is likely to see for some time. But in the midst of the plain overtones of the war, at least in Europe, a child's technicolor fantasy of discover takes shape, despite the world's efforts to turn him into a man before his time. Such is the premise of John Boorman's *Hope and Glory*.

Boorman makes good use of the confusion of being in war to develop the character of young Bill (Sebastian Rice Edwards), and to show a conflict on a different front: the home. Bill and his young peers are not concerned much with the affairs of the world around them in the beginning; to them the matinee adventure serials are reality, and they wreak general havoc in the theater during the newsreels. Bill plays with soldiers for toys, so naturally when war starts, he is quite fascinated with all the hype and tension. He even thinks that when war is declared between Germany and Britain, the bombs will start falling immediately.

Through a gradual numbing process, Bill, along with the viewer, comes to see the human side of war. Around him, children's parents are dying, his sister is having a rocky relationship with a Canadian serviceman, and his mother turns for support to Mac (Derrick O'Connor), a friend of the family, when Bill's father (David Hayman) enlists in the army. Roaming around with a gang of young misfits whose only initiation requirement is being able to swear creatively, Bill is constantly getting different signals about what the war

means and, he understandably has a hard time deciding whether it actually is "the good war."

The roving miscreants loot demolished houses for fun and generally pester anyone who doesn't seem to be playing according to their understanding of the rules. When Bill's home is burned by accident, watching the boys sack its remains proves too much for Bill, and he violently throws them out. In his eyes, making light of war can be nifty, but only if it doesn't get too close to him.

Above all, the war is a time of discovery for everyone. When Bill's father brings home a can of German jam for the family, Boorman plays it up with wonderful satiric wit. "Jam is jam, the world 'round," he says, and the sentiment cuts deep, calling jingoistic and racist tendencies into question.

The interesting part of *Hope and Glory* is that a good bit of it need not take place during the war, but it just so happens that the war has proved to be the catalyst for these moments of human interaction, specifically at Bill's grandparents' home on the river.

Boorman's film is filled with wonderful, touching humor, as well as accurate insight into the times of the war. Boorman gives us, in the final scene, his definition of every boy's fantasy, one at which even Bill's stoic and generally humorless grandfather cannot help but laugh.

*Hope and Glory* is a wonderful film, not because of spectacular cinematography or breathtaking action, but because it's a genuinely moving and often very funny portrait of what happens when a little boy gets caught up in the adventure of his life.

*Hope and Glory* will be shown on Friday, February 9 at 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. in lecture hall C160.

## St. Louis festival shocks Dordt actors

by Sandra De Jong

Imagine starting off second semester watching renditions of *Macbeth* and attending acting seminars with hundreds of other college students from the Mid-American region instead of sitting in C160 listening to just another lecture. Sounds too good to be true? Not for four Dordt students and two of Dordt's faculty.

On Wednesday, January 17, Laurie Vande Kamp, Bob Wassenaar, Brian Klazinga, Tom Overlie, Shirley Matheis, and Verne Meyer headed to St. Louis to attend the American College Theatre Festival.

ACTF is a theatre competition attended by colleges within the region. The festival included a competition among four schools previously chosen for a chance to represent the region in the nationals at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. The four schools competing for this honor were the University of South Dakota featuring *Land of Little Horses* and *Illuminati*, University of Kansas presenting *Macbeth*, Webster University of St. Louis presenting *Charlotte Sweet*, and the University of Colorado

presenting *Vengeance of Mistress Yen*.

ACTF not only offers competitions for plays of large casts, it also offers the Irene Ryan Scholarship award for excellence in acting. This is an individual award decided upon after one actor presents a five-minute dialogue. Other competitions include critical writing and lighting and costume design.

The festival also holds seminars on topics such as movement, computer graphics, directing, and combat.

Tom Overlie, a junior at Dordt, was shocked to see how free people at the conference were with profanity. He says that the plays presented mocked Christianity and its symbols. Overlie says, however, that it was "worthwhile to see how secular the world is. At Dordt we are protected from it. It was shocking, but good to see."

Dordt has entered scripts and casts in the festival in previous years, but this year no submissions were made. Verne Meyer is excited, however, about entering a play written by a Christian into the festival in the near future.

## Karras captures a moment in time

by Alisa Siebenga

"To capture a moment of beauty, a mood, a cultural statement, humor, a memory: this is what I try to do with my camera." Those are the words of the artist behind Dordt's latest art exhibit.

Ann Karras travels around the state, exhibiting photographs from such places as The Grand Canyon, Greece, Scandinavia, Cape Cod, and Iowa.

Karras has been a free lance photographer for 17 years, but according to Karras, she has "played at photography" since she was ten. Her career did not start until she told her husband, a Des Moines Register photographer, what picture to shoot once too often. He responded by

telling her to take her own pictures. Since then, photography has become what she describes as a "love-hate affair."

Karras's work has appeared in publications such as *Midwest Living*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and *The Iowan*.

Karras and her husband, John, presently reside in Des Moines, Iowa, and are the parents of three adult children.

The exhibit can be seen in the mezzanine level of the Dordt College Chapel. The exhibit is open weekdays, and evenings when performances are scheduled in the auditorium. There is no admission and everyone is asked to use the east stairway. The show will be open until February 23.

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*The Dordt Concert Band completed their winter tour with a home concert on January 21.*

## Campus Days entice visitors

by Jeff Kopaska

So far this year, just over 300 prospective students have visited Dordt's campus. That's bound to keep the recruiters and the Admissions Department busy.

This past semester the admissions counselors travelled across Canada and the U.S. visiting schools and churches in order to spread the word about Dordt. Call-back visits and additional travelling are on the agenda for the busy recruiters this semester. In addition to their glorious travelling job, recruiters are responsible for updating the files of applicants, coordinating callers, and organizing campus visit days back home at Dordt.

Campus visit days are generally planned around an on-campus weekend activity such as a ball game, musical, or play to the keep the visitors around the campus.

The big day for a campus visitor is Friday, when the greatest portion of activities for the visiting students are planned. President Hulst or Howard Hall begin the day by welcoming the group and making necessary announcements. Students then split into small groups and tour the campus, guided by Dordt students.

After the groups reunite, representatives of different departments speak to the students. Dean Kroeze or Rev. Draayer explain student services, while Quentin Van Essen informs students of his work in the placement office, Mark Christians presents his role as a personal counselor, and Mike Epema notifies the visitors about the availability of financial aid.

Visiting a class or speaking to a professor in the student's area of interest is usually next on a student's agenda. At noon, the group gathers for lunch, and then attends one of three workshops. For those interested, Vonda Broek has a workshop about women's athletics at Dordt and Rick Vander Berg has one for men's athletics. Epema conducts a workshop concerning financial aid at this time.

The planned activities end at 2:00 with a wrap-up session where the visitors receive a Dordt t-shirt. After a day of getting to know the educational side of Dordt, visitors are free to visit friends or stop at the game room for pool or bowling. The rest of the weekend is spent on their own with their host.

## Parties plan caucus

by Chuck Adams

No presidential candidates have visited the county, but area Republicans and Democrats are gearing up for the Iowa caucuses on February 12.

Sioux County Republican Chairman James Koldenhoven and Democratic Chairman Richard Hodgson urge Dordt students who are registered in Iowa to attend the caucuses. Republicans will meet at 7:30 in the Sioux Center Public Library basement, while Democrats will meet at 7:00 in the Sioux Center Community Center.

Both parties in the county have passed pro-life platforms in the past, but abortion is expected to be an issue at both caucuses.

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# Dordt falls to Northwestern

by Steve Hoogland

The Dordt College Defenders lost three times last week at home and saw their five game winning streak dissolve as their season record fell below .500 at 8-9.

## vs. Nebraska Wesleyan

Nebraska Wesleyan came to Sioux Center last Tuesday with an 11-3 record, giving the Defenders a good test. It was a close game throughout, and Dordt held a narrow 42-41 lead at the half.

With about six minutes left, Dordt went cold and saw a small lead turn into an eight point deficit with two minutes remaining. Still, the Defenders were able to get back in the contest, and a Brian Driesen three-pointer cut the lead to four with 60 seconds remaining.

Dordt trailed by three and had the ball with seven seconds left. When Driesen missed a three-pointer, Gailen Veurink was fouled to give Dordt one more chance. Veurink made the first shot, and when his second missed, a Wesleyan player swatted the ball aside as time expired. Dordt's winning streak had ended with a 78-76 defeat.

Jay Schelhaas played a great first half for the Defenders and finished with 19 points. Joel Veenstra scored 16 and had eight rebounds, and Dave Vaandrager scored 14 for the

Defenders. Dordt made only five of 31 shots from three-point range.

## vs. Northwestern

The Dordt College gymnasium was packed two hours before the start of the annual Dordt-Northwestern contest. Dordt was hoping to get back on the winning track.

The score was tied at 12-12 at the 15 minute mark, but Dordt would never again be in the lead. By halftime, Northwestern had built their advantage to 51-43. In the second half, Northwestern took control and saw their lead extend to twenty points and won, 103-89.

The big difference in the game was field goal shooting and rebounding. The Red Raiders shot 57 percent and out-rebounded the Defenders 52-42. The Defenders made only 40 percent of their shots and only eight of 28 from three-point land.

For Dordt, Veenstra scored 22, Schelhaas 17, and Veurink 10. Veurink, who leads the conference in rebounding with 10.7 per game, had 11 against the Red Raiders.

## vs. Mt Marty

Last night, the Defenders got 24 points from Joel Veenstra and 15 from Derrick Altena off the bench, but it



Photo by Jeff De Boer

## Derrick Altena dribbles the ball around Dexter Rogers of Westmar in last week's action.

wasn't enough as Dordt fell 91-87 to Mt Marty for their third straight loss.

The Defenders return to action at

home this week against Grandview Friday, and Iowa Wesleyan on Saturday afternoon.

## MEN (8-9)

DORDT 83	Westmar 64
Neb. Wes. 78	DORDT 76
Northwestern 103	DORDT 89
Mt. Marty 91	DORDT 87

## Schedule

Fri., Feb 2	vs. Grand View	7:30
Sat., Feb 3	vs. Iowa Wes.	2:00
Wed., Feb 5	at Westmar	7:30
Sat., Feb 10	vs. Briar Cliff	7:30
Tue., Feb 13	vs. Dak. Wes.	7:30

## WOMEN (11-6)

Northwestern 74	DORDT 66
Buena Vista 75	DORDT 74
Buena Vista 61	DORDT 55
DORDT 70	Mt. Marty 60
Briar Cliff 89	DORDT 74

## Schedule

Sat., Feb 3	at Northwestern	2:00
Tue., Feb 6	vs. Westmar	7:00
Tue., Feb 13	at Mt. Marty	7:30

# Lady Defenders hit skids

by Steve Hoogland

The Lady Defenders lost their third consecutive game last Thursday to Buena Vista. They bounced back Saturday with a convincing win over Mt. Marty before falling Tuesday to Briar Cliff.

## vs. Buena Vista

The Lady Defenders played host to Buena Vista last Thursday evening, hoping to avenge an earlier loss. Dordt played inspired ball in what might be their best half of the season in the first half and took a 34-21 lead to the locker room.

In the second half everything fell apart. A 38-23 lead turned into a 47-41 deficit, and the Lady Defenders couldn't recover. They never regained the lead and lost, 61-55.

"It was a very disappointing loss," according to Coach Len Rhoda. "We shot poorly and made some crucial turnovers in the second half."

The Lady Defenders shot only 38

percent from the field and were out rebounded by the Lady Beavers 30-26. Jill Bousema scored 17 points for Dordt to lead the way. Vonda Brands scored 13; Lisa Wubben scored 10 and had 12 rebounds.

The Lady Defenders made only 12 of 22 freethrows in the contest. They had entered the contest the twelfth best freethrow shooting team in the country. Briar Cliff is number one in the country in freethrow percentage.

## vs. Mt. Marty

The Lady Defenders headed into Saturday expecting a tough contest with Mt. Marty from Yankton, South Dakota. Lisa Wubben led the way, grabbing 19 rebounds to snap the three-game losing streak for the Lady Defenders.

Dordt took an early lead and maintained it throughout the game except for a brief moment in the second half. The Lady Defenders

stretched out that lead in the final minutes with freethrows and won, 70-60.

Coach Rhoda was impressed with the play of Wubben. "She really played an excellent game," he says, "but we got balanced scoring all-around."

Wubben paced Dordt scoring 16, Rhonda Gritters had 12 and Bousema and Janet Zylstra each had 11.

## vs. Briar Cliff

Tuesday Night the Lady Defenders were held in check by Briar Cliff All-American Cheryl Dreckman. She paced Briar Cliff with 43 points to lead the Lady Chargers to a 89-74 victory. Janet Zylstra scored 24 for the Lady Defenders in the losing effort.

The Lady Defenders travel to Orange City Saturday to take on Northwestern.